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BOSTON RECOLLECTIONS

THE BOSTON HISTORY CALENDAR
2001

Designed and compiled by

The City of Boston
Office of the City Clerk

Archives and Records Management Division

Rosaria Salerno, City Clerk

My Dear Sir, I am very glad to hear of your success in the matter of the book.

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

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In a political world of high visibility, and the imperative to be current if not ahead of the issues, archives can seem dull, easily ignored and, well, archaic.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Archives tell us where we have come from, how we got here from there. They remind us that we are only the most recent actors on the municipal scene and that the record of what has preceded us is crucial to our own success. They tell us of past priorities, failures and successes. They are our municipal history.



This calendar is an attempt, in a lighthearted way, to share some of the history we preserve at the Boston City Archives. We include events and photos of the past as well as recent history and new artwork from some of our younger citizens. The Archives tell our Boston Story. It is our hope that this calendar will help make the story engaging and will generate interest in and enthusiasm for the very important work of keeping the Story of Boston current, safe and accessible for today and all of our tomorrows.

I consider it an honor to oversee the Archives of the City. I am proud of the very capable men and women who so professionally and responsibly care for the permanent and archival records of the City. I thank them for their good work on this particular project.

We all hope you enjoy the calendar.
Sincerely,

Rosaria Salerno

Rosaria Salerno
City Clerk

ABOUT THE CITY ARCHIVES

Public records are public property, and stewardship over records is a government responsibility vital to the public trust. The Archives & Records Management Division of the City Clerk's Office (the City of Boston Archives) was created by City Council home rule petition and state law in 1988. Its task is to preserve forever the documentary heritage of Boston municipal government since 1630, to provide day-to-day access to this heritage, and to assist City departments with cost effective records management practices.

The City's public records are owned by the people in the same sense that citizens own City Hall, Boston Common, the Public Garden, the streets and sidewalks, the funds in the treasury. In a very real sense, archives are the most important municipal asset of all. Archives and records are unique and irreplaceable and document the conduct of the people's business, including the rights, privileges and property of individual citizens. Archives shed light on our experience as a government and a community, help us better understand our past successes and failures, and open a broad range of possibilities for planning better futures.

The Boston City Archives is a rich, untapped resource for primary research. Here, there is significant potential for original work in history, government, politics and the other social sciences. Here, genealogists find their ancestors in tax records, voter lists, early passenger lists, institutional registers and business indexes. Here real estate developers, homebuyers and attorneys find needed information among the property records of the Assessing and Inspectional Services Departments. And here, City departments find guidance in managing records for which they are responsible.

Our staff are professional archivists skilled at assisting researchers. Apart from routine retrieval and reference services, we are happy to provide guided tours of our facility, to assist in developing primary source strategy for scholarly research, or otherwise to be of service in whatever way we can in primary source research projects.

For more information on the City Archives please visit our website at www.ci.boston.ma.us/archivesandrecords.

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The idea for Boston Recollections: the Boston History Calendar was conceived by City Clerk Rosaria Salerno. Our goal was to create a unique and entertaining calendar, which at the same time offered an appreciation of Boston's history and the primary sources documenting the City's past.

Many hours and much effort have gone into the preparation of this work. However, by far, the greatest effort and the most credit for the arduous research put into this project must go to Archives staff member Kristen Swett. Anyone who has attempted an original history calendar understands the grueling nature of this type of research. The doggedness with which Kristen pursued the calendar's events and dates was nothing short of astonishing to her admiring colleagues in the Archives.

Others who contributed their research efforts to the calendar include the Clerk herself, Rosaria Salerno, staff members Patricia McCusker, Dave Nathan, John McColgan, former staff member Kathleen McGillicuddy, and volunteers Tina McCusker, Shawn Lynch and Donna Blythe-McColgan.

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ROXBURY
(TOWN 1630, CITY 1846,
ANNEXED 1868)



BRIGHTON
(TOWN 1807,
ANNEXED 1874)



BOSTON
(TOWN 1630, CITY 1822)



DORCHESTER
(TOWN 1630, CITY
1846, ANNEXED 1870)



HYDE PARK
(TOWN 1868,
ANNEXED 1912)



CHARLESTOWN
(TOWN 1628, CITY
1847, ANNEXED 1874)

In January 1823 the City Council enacted the approval of the City Seal, shown here in its original form. (Later, the font and graphic were slightly modified and a wreath added.) Cities and towns annexed to Boston over the years had their own seals. There is evidence of a seal for the town of west roxbury (town 1851, annexed 1874), however, it is not in the possession of the archives.

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1912 Act of May 24, 1911, the annexation of Hyde Park to Boston, takes effect	2 1823 City Seal adopted by "An Ordinance to Establish the City Seal"	3 1870 Act of June 4, 1869, the annexation of Dorchester to Boston, takes effect	4 1945 Mayor Maurice Tobin, having been elected governor, resigns his office. 1952 City Council consisting of nine members elected at large (Plan A) take office	5 1874 Acts of May 14, 21 and 29, 1873, the annexations of Charlestown, Brighton and West Roxbury to Boston, take effect	6 1868 Act of June 1, 1867, the annexation of Roxbury to Boston, takes effect
7 1822 Town of Boston petitions the Legislature for a City Charter	8 1764 Epidemic of smallpox forces people to flee the city and many businesses close	9 1854 Jerome V. C. Smith, Port Physician, sculptor of a bust of Bishop Fitzpatrick, and well disposed toward the Irish is paradoxically elected Mayor on the American Party ("Know-nothing") ticket	10 1810 Park Street Church dedicated	11 1798 New State House occupied by the Legislature for the first time	12 1737 Town Clerk becomes the keeper of the town's records	13 1761 Fire in Faneuil Hall destroys everything but the outer walls
14 1897 John F. Fitzgerald delivers a speech in House of Representatives in favor of saving the frigate U.S.S. Constitution	15 1919 Great Molasses Flood in the North End	16 1888 Joint Standing Committee on Markets ordered to consider and report on the expediency of lighting with electricity the passageways of Faneuil Hall and Quincy Markets	17 1706 Benjamin Franklin born on Milk Street 1950 Brink's Robbery	18 1967 Albert DeSalvo, the confessed "Boston Strangler", convicted on unrelated charges	19 1899 Park Commissioners requested to allow polo playing at Wood Island Park	20 1875 General Edward Lawrence Logan born
21 1842 Charles Dickens visits Boston	22 1878 Training school for nurses opens at Boston City Hospital	23 1793 Boston celebrates the French Revolution	24 1894 Five Corners in Dorchester renamed Edward Everett Square	25 1945 President of the City Council, John E. Kerrigan, after the resignation of Mayor Tobin, serves the remainder of the year as Acting Mayor 1961 Boston Redevelopment Authority implements a master plan of urban renewal designed by I.M. Pei	26 1893 Order presented in the Common Council to reconsider an ordinance regarding the reckless driving of Herdies	27 1843 Francis Jackson and William Lloyd Garrison convey thanks of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society to the City for the use of Faneuil Hall 1869 Ether Statue, commemorating the first public demonstration of surgical anesthesia at Massachusetts General Hospital, placed in the Public Garden
28 1946 City Council passes an order appropriating \$15,000 to be expended by the City Clerk for the recording and binding of veterans discharges	29 1877 Order presented in the City Council for the appointment of a Committee charged with the erection of monuments on Dorchester Heights and on the site of Roxbury fort	30 1939 Eighteen thousand people, led by Governor Leverett Saltonstall and Mayor Maurice Tobin, attend President Franklin Roosevelt's birthday ball in Boston Garden	31 1770 In protest against Parliament's tax programs, the ladies of Boston organize an Anti-Tea Drinking Society			

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Early archives survey project, circa 1960s. Northeastern University students survey Assessors Office volumes in the basement of 26 Court Street, then City Hall Annex. The records are now preserved in the City Archives.

February

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 1937 City Council receives applications for minors' licenses from sixty-five newboys and six boot blacks	2 1798 Fire destroys the Federal Street Theatre	3 1902 Resolution offered that in the opinion of the City Council no portion of the Old State House should be leased or used for business purposes
4 1772 Josiah Quincy, second mayor of Boston, born	5 1809 Responding to appeals from town residents, selectmen give notice to fishmongers forbidding them from blowing horns as they sell their produce	6 1788 Federal Constitution adopted at the Federal Street Church 1978 Blizzard leaves Boston buried in snow	7 1834 Massachusetts first locomotive makes a run from Boston to Newton	8 1802 Thousands pay 25 cents to see a leopard on exhibit near the Columbian Museum	9 1870 First annual Policemen's Ball	10 1896 Committee ordered to perambulate the boundary lines between Boston and the adjoining towns and cities
11 1863 John F. Fitzgerald, mayor of Boston, born 1969 Dedication of the new City Hall at Government Center	12 1873 India Square named	13 1799 Board of Health established	14 1995 Rosaria Salerno elected the first woman City Clerk of Boston	15 1876 Storm destroys the Old Elm on Boston Common	16 1815 Boston celebrates the signing of the Treaty of Ghent with its first music festival featuring the works of Handel and Haydn	17 1769 Samuel Adams and others complain of horseracing by British Soldiers on the Common and the British respond by holding military drills directly in front of Sam Adams' house
18 1847 Irish Famine Relief Committee organized at Faneuil Hall	19 1794 Massachusetts Historical Society incorporated	20 1893 Mob attacks the State House demanding public service jobs	21 1883 Copley Square named	22 1847 Charlestown incorporated as a city	23 1822 Massachusetts Legislature passes "An Act Establishing the City of Boston"	24 1807 Brighton set off from Cambridge as the Town of Brighton
25 1811 Charter granted to the Massachusetts General Hospital	26 1894 Order passed by Board of Aldermen making Commonwealth Avenue, from Arlington Street to the Back Bay Fens, a part of the park system	27 1795 Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Company set up to supply water to Boston from Jamaica Pond	28 1853 Committee on Public Buildings ordered to make alterations in the Common Council Chambers for better accommodations of strangers, ex-members and reporters			

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Elizabeth McMahon of Dorchester Girl Scout Cadet Troop 9366, gives us her vision of alleged witches arriving in Boston, March 7, 1692

March

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1	2	3
				1824 Boston Courier commences publication	1829 New England Asylum for the Blind (later called Perkins Institute) incorporated	1969 City Council congratulates Phil Esposito of the Boston Bruins for the magnificent feat of breaking the century mark, scoring over 100 points
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1630 Charter granted to the Massachusetts Bay Company 1872 First issue of Boston Globe published	1770 Boston Massacre	1804 Dorchester Neck annexed to Boston and becomes known as South Boston 1692 Group of Salem's alleged witches arrive in Boston for safekeeping until trial	1692 Group of Salem's alleged witches arrive in Boston for safekeeping until trial	1888 In the Common Council, Mr. Hayes offers an order that the directors of East Boston ferries be requested to inquire into and report what negligence if any, is attached to ferry employees, that admits of so many accidents and suicides by falling and jumping from the boats	1785 General Court incorporates the firm of John Hancock, Thomas Russell and Associates to build a bridge across the Charles River	1876 Alexander Graham Bell granted patent for the telephone
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1895 Boston Public Library opens at Copley Square	1846 Roxbury incorporated as a city	1638 Military charter granted to the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company	1635 Deer, Long, Hogg, and Spectacle Islands granted to Boston 1639 Breed's Island (East Boston) annexed 1743 Faneuil Hall opens to the public	1881 Cornerstone of the Mechanics Building on Huntington Avenue laid	1844 Old Colony Railroad established	1776 British evacuated from Boston
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1841 City takes possession of Old County Court House to be used as City Hall	1637 Noddle's Island (East Boston) annexed	1901 Water and Sewerage Boards combined into a single commission	1673 Fort at Castle Island burned	1765 Stamp Act passes in Parliament	1857 Fannie Merritt Farmer, author of the Boston Cooking School Cook Book, born 1693 Town "Recorder" first called Town Clerk	1913 City Council offers resolution favoring the submission to the voters of a constitutional amendment providing for equal suffrage
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1834 Thompson's Island set off from Dorchester and annexed to Boston to be used for charitable purposes 1845 Boston's water system wins legislative approval	1860 Board of Aldermen orders that the Committee on the Fire Department be authorized to purchase a sufficient number of horses and equipment for nine hose carriages and two hook and ladder companies	1858 Boston City Hospital established	1847 Sloop Janestown sails from Charlestown to Ireland with famine relief supplies	1930 Boston Bruins win the Stanley Cup for the first time	1640 Town Meeting passes an order that establishes the Common	1729 Cornerstone of the Old South Meeting House laid 1868 Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals established

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Boston Latin School
Avenue Louis Pasteur Boston



The Latin School, American's first public school, established by the Town of Boston in 1635, was first located on School Street, subsequently the site of two of Boston's city halls. This photograph of the present building on Avenue Louis Pasteur was taken shortly after its completion in 1923.

April

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 1845 Daily Evening Traveler commences publication 1960 Boston University Field, formerly Braves Field, chosen as first home of the Boston Patriots	2 1868 Thomas Alva Edison begins work as a telegraph operator at the Boston office of Western Union	3 1822 Edward Everett Hale, minister, author and social reformer, born in Boston	4 1968 Riots occur after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.	5 1764 Sugar Act passes in Parliament	6 1857 Committee on Public Buildings ordered to inquire and report if additional office accommodation be required for the City Government	7 1880 Department of Hospitals established
8 1839 Boston Hospital for the Insane approved	9 1877 Record Commissioners ordered to publish a second report containing a transcript of the first volume of the town records and the Book of Possessions	10 1879 Women first allowed to vote for the School Committee	11 1885 First performance of the Boston Pops at Boston Music Hall	12 1872 Part of West Roxbury known as Mount Hope Cemetery annexed to Boston	13 1635 Town Meeting approves the Public Latin School, America's first public school	14 1742 Boston accepts the donation of a market house from Peter Faneuil
15 1920 Robbery and murder of the paymaster of a shoe company lead to the arrest of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti	16 1822 John Phillips elected mayor at the first city election	17 1934 Newly renovated Fenway Park opens	18 1775 Paul Revere and William Dawes warn "the British are coming"	19 1897 First running of the Boston Marathon	20 1912 Red Sox play the first official game at Fenway Park	21 1735 First issue of the Boston Post Boy published
22 1868 Hyde Park incorporated as a town	23 1783 Proclamation of peace read from the Old State House	24 1704 First issue of the Boston Newsletter published	25 1855 Faneuil Hall Square named	26 1901 The Boston Americans, later the Red Sox, play their first game	27 1825 Cornerstone of Faneuil Hall Market, popularly known as Quincy Market, laid	28 1966 Red Auerbach retires as coach of the Boston Celtics
29 1780 Marquis de Lafayette arrives in Boston, landing at Hancock's Wharf 1821 Town of Boston approves an amendment allowing towns of 12,000 plus to petition for a city charter	30 1860 Director of Public Institutions submits petition to City Council for leave to establish at Deer Island a House of Reformation for Girls					

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On board 17 Dennis 13 Bryan 17
 Garrett McGee 28 Mrs. O'Leary 20 1899
 Pat Cuggan 26 Thomas 20 (Jan 4)
 Mrs. Sheehan 20 Mary 28 Mrs. 12 Lillian 10
 John McManus 34 James 32 Thomas 2
 George Henderson 40 Pat Pendergast
 Mrs. McManus 20 Mrs. Donnan 40 1898
 James Hannan 34 Margaret 35 John
 Joe Garry 20 John Sheehan 46 John
 Jas. Horan 28 Lillian 25 Cath. Mc
 Michael 40 Ellen Walsh 20 1898
 Ellen Donnan 20 Mrs. Donnan 40
 Mrs. McArthur 30 Margaret 8
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To the left of the Famine Memorial photo is one of the passenger lists compiled by the City Treasury in May 1847 and now preserved in the City Archives. It shows the names and ages of 395 immigrants, nearly all Irish, aboard the "Omega" out of Liverpool under the command of Captain Garreck.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1822 First city government organized	2 1862 John Wilkes Booth performs at the Tremont Theatre	3 1863 Massachusetts 54th Regiment, trained in Readville, goes to war	4 1780 Academy of Arts and Sciences established in Boston	5 1836 George S. Sutton submits a petition to the City Council for a license to exhibit as a ventriloquist
6 1766 John Hancock chosen representative by the Sons of Liberty	7 1930 Arthur Fiedler assumes duties as the 18th conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra	8 1926 Fenway Park Fire	9 1970 Bobby Orr's overtime goal leads the Boston Bruins to a 4-3 victory over the St. Louis Blues in the Stanley Cup Playoffs	10 1643 Boston and seven towns form Suffolk County	11 1834 Colonel David Crockett visits Boston	12 1948 First televised Red Sox game at Fenway Park aired on WBZ-TV
13 1886 Statue of William Lloyd Garrison placed on Commonwealth Avenue	14 1804 Vote passes in favor of filling up Mill Pond 1873 Charlestown annexed	15 1854 Superintendent of Lands ordered to ascertain what person or persons have removed large quantities of earth from certain City lands in South Boston and report the names to the City Council	16 1825 City Council orders a committee to inspect the general state of the ancient records of the Town of Boston and the County of Suffolk	17 1775 Fire consumes 25 warehouses in Boston	18 1631 First election day held in Boston	19 1875 School Committee revised to better serve the annexed communities
20 1950 Ten thousand people sit down to a Boston Baked Bean supper on the Common as part of the city's mid-century jubilee	21 1855 Washington Village annexed from Dorchester 1873 Brighton annexed	22 1901 Maurice J. Tobin, mayor of Boston, born	23 1962 First successful re-implant of a limb at Massachusetts General Hospital	24 1851 West Roxbury incorporated as a town from part of Roxbury 1911 Hyde Park annexed	25 1636 Bostonians limited to two cows on peninsula's common graze 1868 Board of Aldermen order a committee to tender hospitalities to the embassy from the Chinese Empire	26 1854 Boston Police Department established 1854 Riot to free Anthony Burns, a fugitive slave
27 1861 American Peace Society meets at Faneuil Hall and declares that the war being waged by the North against the Confederacy is a just one	28 1827 City Council grants the application of William P. Codman for a license to exhibit the camera obscura on the Common	29 1847 Deer Island Hospital opened for Irish famine refugees 1873 West Roxbury annexed	30 1844 Washingtonian Society holds a total abstinence convention in Boston	31 1897 Statue of Robert Gould Shaw unveiled on Beacon Street		

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North End, June 25, 1992: Mayor Ray Flynn endorses Governor of Arkansas, Bill Clinton, for President.

June

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3	4 1869 Dorchester annexed	5 1924 Boston adopts zoning	6 1876 Order offered in the Board of Aldermen to consider the subject of the preservation of the works of art owned by the city and deposited in Faneuil Hall	7 1913 Street Railway strike begins	8 1867 Roxbury annexed 1867 Bridge over the pond in the Public Garden completed	9 1854 Anthony Burns, a fugitive slave, returned to slavery despite protests
10 1884 Civil Service Act makes it illegal for Boston officials to recommend candidates for policemen, firemen, clerks and laborers 1901 First elevated transit line opens from Dudley Street to Sullivan Square	11 1837 Broad Street Riot erupts after collision of Irish Funeral Procession and Protestant Fire Brigade	12 1899 Construction begins on Symphony Hall	13 1947 Red Sox play the first night game at Fenway Park	14 1841 Boston Museum and Gallery of Arts opens on Tremont Street	15 1689 King's Chapel opens	16 1825 Board of Aldermen grants petition of Joseph Woodruff to exhibit a "Learned Goat"
17 1775 Battle of Bunker Hill 1972 Hotel Vendome Fire	18 1896 Board of Park Commissioners ordered to have one of the baseball grounds at Franklin Park reserved for workmen on Saturday afternoon during the summer months 1928 Mayor Nichols orders the appropriation of \$20,000 out of the Reserve Fund to defray expenses for the reception of Miss Amelia Earhart and the distinguished crew of the airplane Friendship 1992 Mayor Raymond Flynn endorses Governor William Clinton of Arkansas for President at a rally in the North End	19 1656 Ann Hibbins hanged as a witch from the Great Elm on Boston Common	20 1961 Fire destroys the Howard Athenaeum	21 1974 School Committee found guilty of maintaining segregated schools	22 1869 Annexation Act of June 4, 1869 accepted by Dorchester and Boston	23 1789 Codicil to Benjamin Franklin's will leaves one thousand pounds to the "Inhabitants of the Town of Boston"
24 1852 Mount Hope Cemetery in Roxbury consecrated	25 1928 Mayor Nichols orders the appropriation of \$20,000 out of the Reserve Fund to defray expenses for the reception of Miss Amelia Earhart and the distinguished crew of the airplane Friendship 1992 Mayor Raymond Flynn endorses Governor William Clinton of Arkansas for President at a rally in the North End	26 1877 Rutherford B. Hayes visits Boston 1947 John B. Hynes, City Clerk, begins his service as Temporary Mayor during the absence of Mayor Curley	27 1835 Boston & Lowell Railroad opens	28 1998 Dedication of the Irish Famine Memorial at Downtown Crossing	29 1810 Nathaniel Shurtleff, Mayor of Boston, born	30 1846 Newsboys first licensed to sell newspapers

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On July 7, 1859 an elephant, owned by Sam Rise, bathed in the Frog Pond on Boston Common. Artist Danielle Nalepa of Dorchester Girl Scout Cadet Troop 9366 recalls the historic event in her work completed September 2000.

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1895 Board of Election Commissioners established	2 1821 Mill Dam completed	3 1869 Equestrian statue of George Washington placed in the Public Garden	4 1795 Cornerstone for the State House laid	5 1880 Statue of Samuel Adams unveiled in Adams Square	6 1699 Captain William Kidd captured in Boston	7 1859 Elephant bathes in the Frog Pond
8 1875 First Park Commission appointed	9 1828 Artist Gilbert Stuart dies in Boston	10 1876 Ordinance passed to regulate the driving of cattle through the streets	11 1882 Old State House re-dedicated	12 1993 Raymond Flynn resigns as Mayor to become Ambassador to the Vatican; Thomas Menino, President of the City Council, sworn in as Acting Mayor	13 1863 Board of Aldermen orders that arrangements be made for an excursion of the City Council to the islands in the harbor 1999 70th Major League Baseball All-Star Game played at Fenway Park	14 1856 Joint Committee on Back Bay Lands empowered by Board of Aldermen to settle and negotiate with the Committee appointed by the Legislature who are charged with the duty of filling in and improving the flats of the Back Bay 1863 Civil War Draft Riot
15 1824 Town meeting held at Faneuil Hall to discuss the land known as the Common 1939 Raymond L. Flynn, mayor of Boston, born	16 1821 Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, born	17 1760 Charlestown holds a lottery for the purpose of paving Main Street	18 1776 Declaration of Independence read from the balcony of the Old State House	19 1830 William Wright submits a petition to the City Council praying that the cows may be restrained from going at large in South Boston	20 1919 John F. Collins, mayor of Boston, born	21 1997 U.S.S. Constitution sails for the first time in 116 years
22 1850 Mayor John Bigelow authorized to procure and transmit a block of Massachusetts granite to the National Monument in Washington in honor of George Washington 1939 Raymond L. Flynn, mayor of Boston, born	23 1827 First swimming school in America opens at Mill Dam	24 1830 First issue of the Boston Evening Transcript published	25 1884 Section of Franklin Park taken by the City for park purposes	26 1937 City Council passes order to correct the present unsightly and dangerous condition of the beaches in South Boston	27 1825 Board of Aldermen offers an award of \$300 for the conviction of persons involved in recent riots that resulted in damage to several dwellings	28 1955 Beacon Hill Historical District created
29 1837 Boston Fire Department established	30 1794 Fire destroys many of the ropewalks in the South End	31 1799 Fort at Castle Island named Independence				

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Address to the Sea Serpent

O Thou, great monster of the ocean,
Why can't Your Snakeship take a "notion",
Some pleasant day,
To take to town and see the fashions,
The virtues, vices and the passions,
And leave the Bay.

Say, why so partial to the Capes;
Is there such favor in the napes
And sounds of Cods?
If once Your Snakeship tastes the beef
In Faneuil Hall, 'tis my belief,
You'll own the odds.

There's scarce a vessel comes to port,
But brings some wonderful report,
Concerning thee;
At which the country people stare,
And wonder how the sailors dare
To go to sea.

Some make thee large as Market Street;
Some, modestly, but fifty feet,
Thy length declare.
But all confess, indeed, thou art,
Like fam'd Napoleon Bonaparte,
A wonder rare.

Do serpents fear a low condition,
Become puff'd up with vain ambition,
And lawless sway?
It may be so, and that thou art
The vain, ambitious Bonaparte
Of Boston Bay.

Your Snakeship, as a snake of sense,
At this can never take offense,
For all confess,
That yankees have by patent right,
In lightsome day, or murky night,
A right to guess.

We hope, Your Snakeship, if you stay
Within the limits of the Bay
Will meet our wish;
Should disappointment be our lot,
We hope, Great Serpent, thou wilt not
Eat all the fish.

Frederick W.A.S. Brown

(printed by True and Weston, 2nd edition, Boston, 1819)



The Boston Harbor Sea Serpent, sighted off the coast of Nahant in 1819, was celebrated the same year in verse by poet Frederick W.A.S. Brown, and again in 2000 in the artwork of Lauren McMahon of Dorchester Girl Scout Junior Troop 9414.

August

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 1851 Statue of Columbus placed in Louisburg Square	2 1916 Councilor Attridge presents an order to consider a practical method of tree planting in the streets of the City	3 1863 Board of Aldermen considers an ordinance preventing the excessive ringing of church and other bells 1964 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority created	4 1967 Edward Logue submits the final report on Boston redevelopment to the City Council
5 1901 Superintendent of Public Grounds submits results of his investigation as to the most effective means of exterminating the elm beetle	6 1951 Lawrence H. Banks, the first African-American City Councilor, takes office	7 1630 Shawmut renamed Boston	8 1763 Charles Bulfinch, architect of the State House, born	9 1847 Business first transacted in the Customs House 1995 Merita Hopkins appointed first woman Corporation Counsel for the City	10 1790 Captain Robert Gray thrills Bostonians with news of his journey to the Pacific Northwest on the Columbia 1983 Ordinance passed establishing nine districts for purpose of choosing certain City Councilors and School Committee members	11 1834 Ursuline Convent in Charlestown burned
12 1657 Dorchester Selectmen regulate the cutting of trees on the town common lands	13 1827 Occupiers of the cellars and stalls in the new market house present petitions to the City Council to reduce their rent	14 1871 Citizens of Boston and members of the Suffolk Bar submit a petition for a new Court House to be constructed at the northerly end of Penberton Square	15 1853 Joint Standing Committee on Water deems it impracticable to erect a Public Bathing House in the Public Garden	16 1819 Sighting of a sea serpent outside of Boston Harbor reported	17 1635 Richard Mather, founder of a theological dynasty, arrives in Boston	18 1915 Braves Field opens
19 1812 U.S.S. Constitution earns its nickname "Old Ironsides" in a fight with the H.M.S. Guerriere	20 1846 Ground broken for the Cochituate Water System	21 1950 Mayor John Hynes urges the City Council to immediately pass an ordinance establishing the Department of Civil Defense for the City of Boston	22 1831 Board of Aldermen agrees upon arrangements for a public procession and eulogy in honor of James Monroe	23 1927 Sacco and Vanzetti executed	24 1824 Celebration held in honor of the arrival of the Marquis de Lafayette	25 1851 Board of Aldermen grants petition of the Ojibwa Chief to exhibit the manners and customs of Indians at Harmony Hall 1941 City Clerk submits a report to the City Council on the duplication of Boston Records
26 1826 Faneuil Hall Market, popularly known as Quincy Market, opens	27 1720 Town petitions for a bridge to be built across the Charles River	28 1893 William Haley petitions the Board of Aldermen for compensation for damage to the steam lighter Glendon caused by a collision with the ferryboat General Hancock	29 1836 Board of Aldermen orders a committee to consider the practicability and expediency of completing the iron fence and the improvements around the Common 1947 Metropolitan Transit Authority created	30 1830 Committee reports to the City Council that it is inexpedient to grant a petition to erect a temporary building suitable for Equestrian performances in Washington Gardens	31 1895 Department of Infectious Diseases opens at Boston City Hospital	

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The above print, drawn by Louis LaBeaume, shows the elegant City Hospital campus as it appeared in that year.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 1833 Rufus Welch granted license to exhibit a number of rare beasts and birds recently imported from Africa, Asia and South America, including a lion, lioness, leopard, ostrich, zebra, jaguar, tapir, hyena, jackal, great ant eater and vulture	3 1898 Subway from Shawmut Avenue and Tremont Street to North Station opens	4 1854 City Council grants the petition of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society to erect a tent upon the Common to hold their annual exhibition	5 1928 City Council resolves to indorse the proposed amendment in favor of Sunday baseball and urges its favorable consideration by the people	6 1858 Newly constructed wharf on the South Bay collapses	7 1772 First stage coach runs from Boston to New York	1 1897 First underground transit line runs in Boston
9 1867 Act of Annexation of June 1, 1867 accepted by Roxbury and Boston 1919 Boston Police Strike	10 1867 City Council grants the petition of P. J. Jordan for a license to exhibit wax figures at the corner of Essex and Washington Streets	11 1854 Boston Theatre dedicated	12 1768 Boston calls on its people to arm in order to oppose British tyranny	13 1742 Faneuil Hall completed and presented to the town	14 1905 Patrick Collins, mayor of Boston, dies in office	15 1905 Daniel A. Wheldon, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, becomes Acting Mayor following the death of Mayor Collins
16 1908 Statue of Nathaniel P. Banks at the State House dedicated	17 1630 Boston settled	18 1865 City Hall on School Street dedicated	19 1836 Ralph W. Emerson helps organize the Transcendental Club	20 1917 Red Auerbach, coach of the Boston Celtics, born	21 1897 John B. Hynes, mayor of Boston, born 1952 Boston Braves play last game at Braves Field	22 1940 Statue of Paul Revere on horseback dedicated
23 1991 Construction begins on the "Big Dig."	24 1827 William Pelby, manager of the Tremont Theatre, petitions for a license to employ a company of performers, highly respectable for their talents and character in such representations as will be consistent with the taste and moral feeling of the community	25 1929 Kevin H. White, mayor of Boston, born	26 1828 Monument to John Harvard erected	27 1722 Samuel Adams born 1995 State Legislature enacts merger of Boston City Hospital and Boston University Medical Center	28 1850 Jenny Lind performs at the Tremont Temple	29 1995 Boston Garden closes its doors for the last time
30 1867 School Committee requests that school books be furnished gratuitously to the pupils in the public schools						2001

CITY OF BOSTON SHELTER AND DUCK HOUSE BACK BAY FENS
 CHAS. M. WHEELWRIGHT CITY ARCHT.



"Plans for a building at the Fens, to include a boat-landing, public waiting and toilet rooms, sheds for administration purposes, and to shelter the water-fowl 1895".

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1974 President Gerald Ford creates the Boston National Historic Park. 1979 Pope John Paul II visits Boston	2 1711 Fire destroys over 100 houses, including the Townhouse, First Church and Old South Church	3 1887 Board of Aldermen passes order for use of Faneuil Hall for a reception in honor of the Mayor and City Council of Lawrence	4 1825 City Council proceeds in a body to the Exchange Coffee House where Quincy Adams, President of the United States 1853 Donald McKay, master builder of clipper ships, launches his largest, the Great Republic, in East Boston	5 1846 Howard Athenaeum opens	6 1879 City Council passes an order to extend civilities to the Gate City Guard of Atlanta, Georgia, a unit of the Southern Military, on their visit to Boston
7 1873 Acts of Annexation of May 14, 21 and 29, 1873 accepted by Boston and Charlestown, Boston and Brighton, and Boston and West Roxbury; Brookline defeats annexation	8 1633 First town meeting in America held in Dorchester	9 1804 High winds topple the steeple of the Old North Church	10 1825 Superintendent of Burial Grounds reports to the City Council that a body was taken from a grave in the burial ground on the neck	11 1879 Statue of Josiah Quincy placed in front of City Hall	12 1928 Artificial respirator used for the first time at Children's Hospital in Boston	13 1903 Red Sox win the first World Series
14 1852 First trustees of the Public Library appointed	15 1846 James M. Lincoln submits a petition to the Board of Aldermen for the use of Faneuil Hall to hold Native American meetings 1900 Symphony Hall opens	16 1846 "Ether day," first public demonstration of surgical anesthesia, at Massachusetts General Hospital	17 1904 License is granted to Louis D. Brandeis as a trustee for musical, literary, dramatic and whist entertainment at Grundman Hall	18 1648 First labor organization in America authorized when the General Court allows "the shoemakers of Boston" to "assemble and meet	19 1891 Cornerstone of the First Corps of Cadets Armory laid at the corner of Arlington Street and Columbus Avenue	20 1979 John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library at Columbia Point dedicated
21 1797 Frigate U.S.S. Constitution launched 1995 Holocaust Memorial dedicated	22 1833 Henry Clay visits Boston	23 1881 Boston Symphony Orchestra opens at the Music Hall	24 1770 Trial begins for the Boston Massacre	25 1848 Celebration at Boston Common in honor of the introduction of water from Lake Cochituate	26 1837 Public Garden laid out	27 1862 Committee on Finance requested by Board of Aldermen to report on the expediency of authorizing the Treasurer to issue bills of the City for fractional parts of a dollar in order to meet the pressing want in the community for change
28 1848 Harrison Gray Otis, mayor of Boston, dies	29 1727 Bostonians awakened by an earthquake	30 1770 Boston Massacre trial ends with Captain Preston, leader of the British troops, acquitted of all charges	31 1965 Northeast power outage			

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HALL IN JOY'S BUILDING,
No. 81, WASHINGTON STREET.

FLEAS.



THE LEARNED AND

INDUSTRIOUS FLEAS.

From Paris, the only ones that have obtained brilliant success in the principal cities of Europe, and the same that have gained their suit in Paris on the 21st of last November, after having worked before their Majesties the King and Queen of the French, and before all the Royal Family.

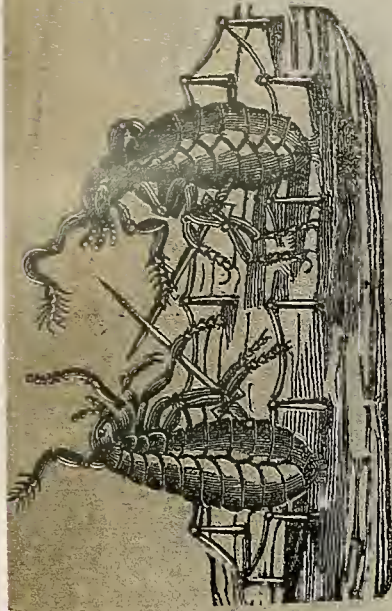
PATRONIZED BY THE ROYAL FAMILY
OF ENGLAND.

Will be seen in the Grand Ball Room, TWO FLEAS DRESSED AS LADIES, AND TWO OTHERS AS GENTLEMEN, dance a waltz; ten Fleas in the Orchestra exercise on various instruments proportioned to their size, (the Orchestra is directed by Mr. HABENECL, of Paris, who is also a Flea.) The music is distinctly heard. The Saloon is elegantly decorated, and splendidly lighted with chandeliers.



A CARRIAGE DRAWN BY TWO FLEAS, completely harnessed. You perceive in the coach my Lord and my Lady, (Fleas,) who are going to render a visit; the coachman, who is also a Flea, dressed in livery, has in his hand a whip, with which he whips his horses.

A MAN OF WAR, armed with 130 pieces of Cannon, completely rigged with masts, sails, ropes, &c., drawn by a single Flea.



A DUEL OF LIFE OR DEATH, between two Fleas, who decide with foils in their hands, an affair of honor. (Their arms are of Steel.)

A FLEA DRESSED IN BLUE, will draw a bucket of water out of a well.

A GOLDEN CANNON, with all its apparatus, drawn by a single Flea.

THE PLAY AT BAGUE, (or taking a ring,) put in extraordinary action by a Flea.

AN ELEPHANT, of an extraordinary size, bearing upon his back the obelisk of the Luxor, four million times larger than itself, drawn by a single Flea.



LOUIS PHILLIPPE, KING OF FRANCE, AND THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON, DON MIGUEL, AND THE DEY OF ALGIERS, mounted on horseback upon Fleas, completely harnessed with saddles and bridles in gold, as horses generally are.

A GOLDEN WAGGON, drawn by one Flea only.

The delicacy and precision with which these little objects are executed, and also the necessary difficulty which has been met with, for the instruction and dressing of these little insects, surpasses all the ideas which can be formed.

YOU MUST SEE TO BELIEVE!

The persons who doubt the reality and merit of this Exhibition, have no occasion to pay till they have been convinced the handbill is without exaggeration. You can see these little objects dis-

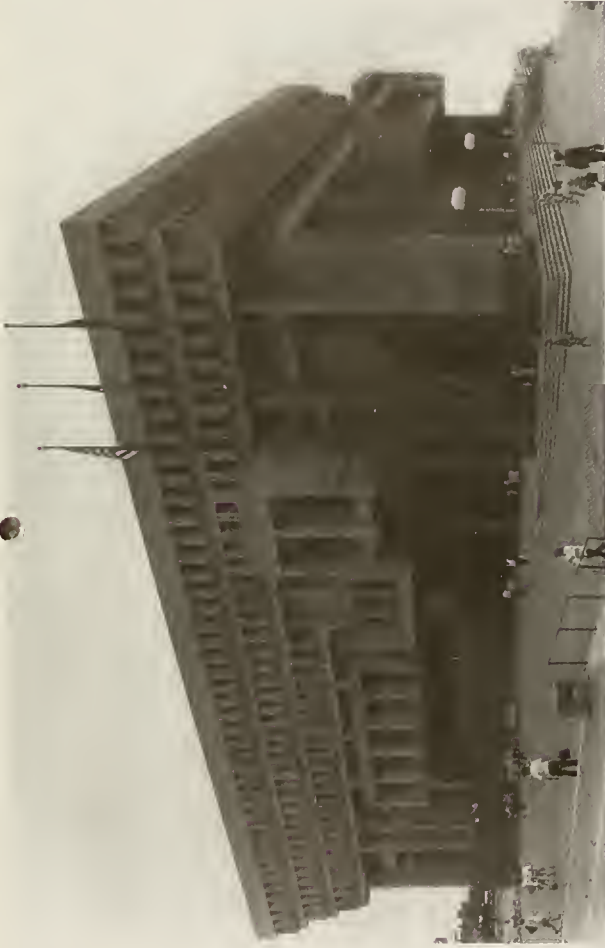
November

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1	2	3
				1849 Eye and Ear Infirmary on Charles Street completed	1909 Voters adopt charter revision setting up a single house City Council 1993 Thomas Menino elected first Italian-American mayor of Boston	1818 Exchange Coffee House destroyed by fire
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1870 Part of Brookline annexed to Boston 1873 Board of Aldermen invites the Mayor, Common Council and other department heads to meet the Board at City Hall for the purpose of inspecting the improvements which have been made in the last year on the territory covered by the Great Fire of 1872	1946 Boston Celtics play first home game 1963 Katherine Craven elected first woman City Councilor	1876 Petition of John E. Avery to have a bonfire in City Square, Charlestown during the passage of the Democratic procession denied because of the fear of a citywide fire	1911 Annexation Act of May 24, 1911 accepted by Hyde Park and Boston 1945 James Michael Curley elected mayor for the fourth time obtaining the greatest majority in history	1637 Anne Hutchinson banished for heresy 1845 Old Colony Railroad opens for travel	1872 Great Fire of Boston	1891 World Women's Christian Temperance Union meets in Faneuil Hall
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1833 Board of Aldermen passes an order concerning the diet of the prisoners in the Jail	1958 James Michael Curley, mayor of Boston, dies	1854 Charter revision allows plurality election of the mayor and gives him qualified veto powers	1928 North Station opens	1815 Town meeting defeats a proposed restructuring of Boston's government	1914 Boston branch of the Federal Reserve Bank opens	1928 Boston Garden opens to the public
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1755 Earthquake throws down the grasshopper vane on Faneuil Hall	1863 Edward Everett delivers a two hour oration at the site of the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg	1928 First Bruins game at the Boston Garden played	1832 Fire Department saves City Hall and its records from destruction	1845 Thomas A. Davis, mayor of Boston, dies in office and Benson Leavitt, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, becomes Acting Mayor	1871 Joint Special Committee ordered to extend the hospitalities of the City to the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia 1898 Statue of Charles Devens placed on the grounds of the State House	1850 Gas lamps first introduced in the Town of Roxbury
25	26	27	28	29	30	
1835 Elliot Congregational Church in Roxbury dedicated	1929 Dorchester residents stage demonstrations and pick a City Hall hearing to voice opposition to overhead telephone lines	1676 Fire destroys the Old North Church and forty-five houses	1942 Coconut Grove Fire	1873 Mayor Henry L. Pierce resigns his office on his election to the Congress of the United States and Leonard R. Cutter, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, becomes Acting Mayor	1857 Leave granted by Board of Aldermen to Phineas Stowe and others to hold a meeting in Faneuil Hall for a levee in aid of "the Home for the Fallen"	

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Old County Court House
School Street (1841-1863);



"New City Hall", Government Center, (1969 -).



"Old City Hall", School Street (1865-1968);



Old State House (1713 to 1747;
1748 to 1822; 1830-1841);



Faneuil Hall (1747 to 1748, 1822 to 1830);

Buildings used as town and city halls.

December

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						1 1849 Statue of Aristides placed in Louisburg Square
2 1872 Board of Health re-established after absence of fifty years	3 1860 Wendell Phillips mobbed at a memorial meeting for John Brown	4 1806 African Meeting House opens on Belknap Street	5 1882 Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. appointed to the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts	6 1879 Emancipation Statue placed in Park Square	7 1857 Mayor authorized by City Council to offer a reward of one hundred dollars for the detection and conviction of any person who shall break into or open with false keys a Fire Alarm Box in the City	8 1875 Holy Cross Cathedral dedicated
9 1747 Fire destroys Town House and valuable records	10 1805 William Lloyd Garrison, journalist and abolitionist, born	11 1854 Joint Committee on Institutions at South Boston and Deer Island ordered to report on the expediency of providing a hospital within the precincts of the City Proper for the temporary accommodations of such sick and disabled persons as may be found by the Police in the public streets	12 1719 First issue of the Boston Gazette published	13 1937 City Council resolves that Dorchester Heights be taken over by the federal government and maintained as a national shrine	14 1876 Board of Fire Commissioners reports to the City Council that a false alarm was sent by the Howard Athenaeum to Engine Company #4 to see how soon the horses and men would be at the theatre	15 1995 Ted Williams Tunnel opens to traffic
16 1773 Boston Tea Party	17 1719 Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) visible in Boston	18 1854 Mayor authorized by Board of Aldermen to take such measures to remove the United States Courts from the County Court House as he may deem expedient and necessary	19 1823 Committee appointed at a Public Meeting for the relief of the Greeks in their struggle for freedom	20 1880 City Council orders that soup be provided for the worthy poor of Boston during the present winter 1983 Name of Herald American changed back to Boston Herald	21 1767 First issue of the Boston Chronicle published	22 1862 Cornerstone of City Hall on School Street laid
23 1861 Daniel Major submits petition to the Board of Aldermen to exhibit himself as a living skeleton and sword swallower 1878 Statue of Charles Sumner unveiled in the Public Garden	24 1799 Funeral honors held in Boston for George Washington	25 1760 From the balcony of the Old State House, Bostonians hear of the death of King George II and the succession of King George III	26 1934 Arctic gale blows into Boston causing the temperature to drop from 50 degrees to 10 degrees in 12 hours	27 1824 Vote of the citizens of Boston forever keeps the Public Garden open and free of buildings	28 1874 Post Office Square named	29 1723 Old North Church opens for worship
30 1887 Back Bay Fens named 1898 South Station dedicated	31 1839 First Lowell Lecture presented					

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Including a Procession, representing some 80 Characters spoken of in the Bible, from Adam, to

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VIEWS IN CALIFORNIA,

Showing the Life of the Miners.

A VARIETY OF SCENES AT HOME.

Mt. Vernon, the Residence and Tomb of Washington,

The Father of our Liberties, "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." The whole to conclude with a Brilliant

DISPLAY OF PYRAMIC FIRES!

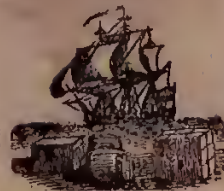
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The proprietor having for many years past been in the habit of teaching animals, looks forward with confidence for a large and respectable audience to witness the Performances

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The learned Animals which have gone through the United States, have been the most Curious and Divorting Exhibitions ever offered to the public.

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Who is the Wonder of the World, and Emperor of his Tribe.

And whose surprising knowledge and sagacity exceeds that of all other animals ever before exhibited, will go through his performances in a manner truly astonishing to every beholder. He will read either printing or writing; spell, tell the time of day, both minutes and hours, by any person's watch in the company. He will tell the day of the month, and the date of the year. He will tell how many hours, minutes and seconds there are in a year; ascertain various kinds of money; and tell how many persons there are in the room, Ladies and Gentlemen. He will distinguish colors; will add, multiply, subtract and divide; tell the different currencies of the United States; will name the most prominent characters of our country to the present day. Any person may take a pack of cards, lay them round on the carpet, and draw a card out of another pack unseen by the Goat, and he will bring another to match it. His performances will conclude by his answering a number of questions, on various and amusing subjects and a variety of other tricks too numerous to mention.

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With upwards of 150 different objects, can be seen only at Night. *Comic Songs, &c. attended by good music.*

The celebrated Mr. REED will go through his wonderful feats of Backward and Forward Somersets, and various other curious specimens of Tumbling, for the amusement of the company.

The goat will be exhibited at 3 o'clock P. M. and the evening performances (including those of the goat) will commence at early candle light.

Admittance 12 1-2 cents.

Tickets for sale at the door.

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Handbills submitted to City Council as part of permit application for entertainments. The "Learned goat" was a production of the 1820s, "Popery Unmasked" from the 1850s.



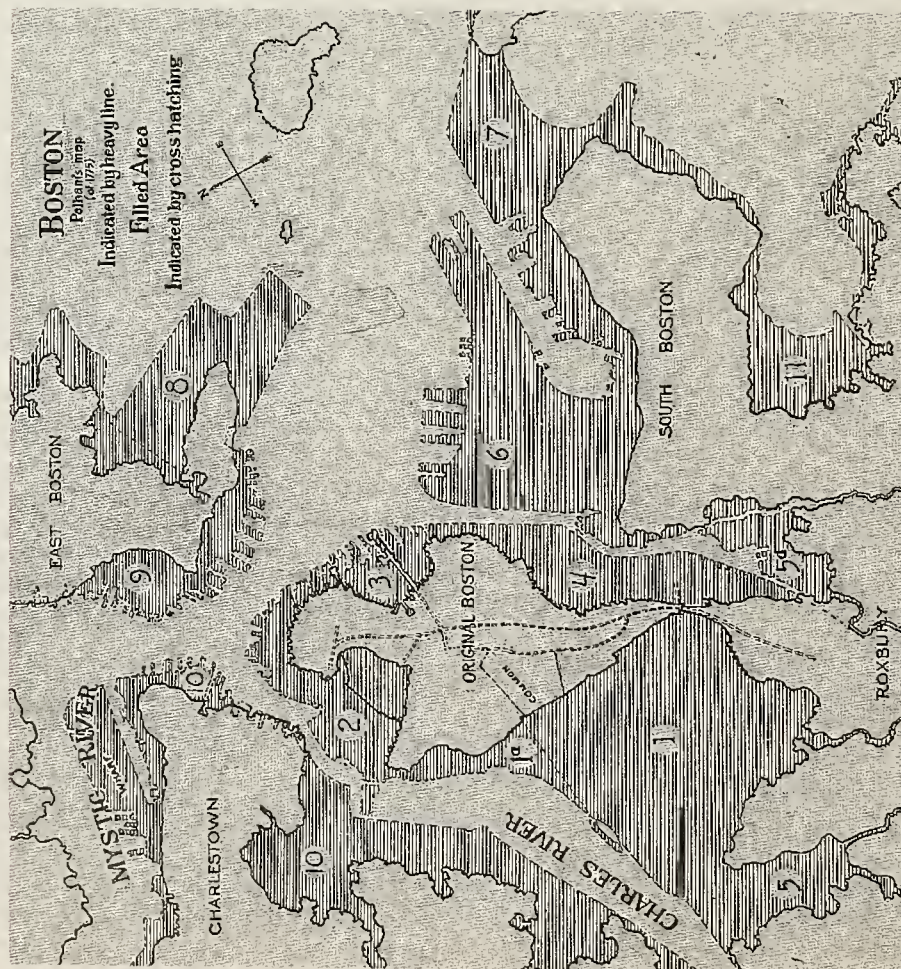
James Michael Curley with wife and campaign team during the election of 1949.

One Thousand Dollars **REWARD!**

The above reward will be paid by the City for the detection and conviction of either of the Burglars, who upon the Morning of the 27th, inst. fired upon Daniel Estes and James S. Kimbal, members of the Watch and Night Police, provided the person, or persons claiming the above reward are not Witnesses who testify on the trial of the accused.

JOSIAH QUINCY, jr., Mayor.
Boston, April 27, 1848.

J. H. EASTBURN, CITY PRINTER.



Map of Boston showing history of filled-in land (circa 1930).

THE FILLED-IN AREAS OF BOSTON

Boston has greatly increased its area by filling bays, coves, and inlets. The original area is usually given as 783 acres. The filled-in lands add between three and four times that amount. Dates and amounts given below are approximate only as records do not agree, having been made at different times and by different men, and in certain localities filling-in is still in process. The figures are the best available and the numbered paragraphs refer to sections indicated on the accompanying map.

1. Back Bay, amount about 570 acres, mostly done after 1856 and continued to 1894.
- 1a. West Cove, amount about 80 acres, begun in 1803 and completed in 1863.
2. Mill Cove, amount about 70 acres, begun in 1804 and completed in 1835. Much of the filling north of the Causeway (indicated on the map by a line) was done in 1835.
3. Great or East Cove, amount about 112 acres, begun in 1823 and completed in 1874.
4. South Cove, amount about 86 acres, begun in 1806 and completed in 1843.
5. Roxbury, amount about 322 acres, the filling-in of which might be said to have started with that of the Back Bay as it was a continuation of it, becoming quite active in 1878 and completed in the 1890's, excepting that part bordering on the South Bay, which is in the section marked "5a".
- 5a. South Bay, amount about 138 acres, begun in 1850, not yet completed.

6. South Boston, amount about 714 acres, begun in 1836, still in process.
7. Marine Park, acquired in 1883, about 57 acres; bridge to Castle Island, July 1, 1891, included in South Boston filling.
8. Boston Air Port, authorized, May 12, 1922, about 150 acres in 1928, opened Sept. 8, 1923; part of the East Boston filling.
9. East Boston, amount about 370 acres, begun in 1880, not yet completed.
10. Charlestown, amount about 416 acres, begun 1860, completed to present state about 1896.
11. Columbus Park with Strandway, amount about 265 acres, acquired, 1890-1901; part of South Boston filling, as given above.

Much of the filling material for the Back Bay district came from Needham; the contractors, Goss and Munson, built six miles of railroad to facilitate transportation. The mill pond was filled from the cutting down of Senary (Beacon) and Cotton (Pemberton) Hills. The West Cove was filled in part from the cutting down of West Hill (Mt. Vernon). Fort Hill contributed to the filling along Atlantic Avenue and to raising the grade of territory whose drainage had been impaired by the filling-in of the Back Bay. The dumping of city ashes and the dredging of the harbor also furnished material for various fillings.



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